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Applicant(s): GINZBURG, Boris et al. Examiner: SAMS, MATTHEW C  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2007, a reply to which was due on July 23, 2007. This paper is being filed in conjunction with a petition for two month extension of time, and September 23 was a Sunday. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.